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SUBJECT: CODEL BYRD

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1. BASED ON PREVIOUS CABLES, WE HAD OBTAINED FIRM APPOINTMENTS FOR SENATOR BYRD WITH KING JUAN CARLOS FOR JULY 5. FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA HAS ALSO AGREED TO SEE THE SENATOR ON THAT DATE. THE KING DEPARTED THE MORNING OF JUNE 14 FOR STATE VISITS TO IRAN, CHINA AND IRAQ AND WILL NOT RETURN TO MADRID UNTIL JUNE 23. NOT ONLY THE KING BUT ALSO ALL IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD ARE ACCOMPANYING HIM ON THESE VISITS. WE HAVE CONTACTED A MEMBER OF THE KING'S STAFF CONCERNED WITH APPOINTMENTS WHO HAS REMAINED BEHIND. HE NOTES THAT GISCARD D'ESTAING WILL BE IN SPAIN ON A STATE VISIT FROM JUNE 28 TO JULY 1 AND THAT THE KING WILL BE WITH GISCARD IN SANTIAGO ON JULY 1. THIS STAFF MEMBER WILL ATTEMPT TO COMMUNICATE BY TELEPHONE WITH THE KING'S PARTY REGARDING A POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT FOR SENATOR BYRD ON THE MORNING OF JULY 3, BUT HE IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER

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HE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS. IF HE IS NOT, A FIRM ANSWER ON AN APPOINTMENT ON JULY 3 WILL NOT BE OBTAINED UNTIL AFTER THE KING'S RETURN TO MADRID.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS EXPECTED ALSO TO BE IN SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA ON JULY . PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ WILL BE IN MADRID ON THAT DATE, HOWEVER, AND HIS OFFICE HAS INDICATED

IN PRINCIPLE THAT HE COULD RECEIVE SENATOR BYRD AROUND
MID-DAY OR AT 1:00 P.M. ON JULY 1.

3. IF THE REVISED SCHEDULE IS HELD TO, WE WOULD PROPOSE A
DINNER ON JULY 1 INCLUDING WIVES GIVEN BY THE CHARGE TO
WHICH A MIX OF POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT PERSONALITIES WOULD
BE INVITED. WE CAN PROMISE AN ENJOYABLE EVENING. BUT
HOW MANY LEADING POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENTAL PERSONALITIES
WE CAN ACTUALLY GET FOR SUCH A DINNER ON A SATURDAY NIGHT
DURING THE SUMMER JUST AFTER THE GISCARD STATE VISIT WILL
BE QUITE UNCERTAIN.

4. WE WILL PROCEED WITH ATTEMPTS TO FIRM UP A PROGRAM
ALONG THE ABOVE LINES IF THE VISIT DATES OF JULY 1 TO 3
ARE CONFIRMED. HOWEVER, WE WONDER, IN VIEW OF THE UNCER-
TAINTY REGARDING THE KING'S AVAILABILITY, WHETHER CODEL
MAY NOT WISH TO CONSIDER A FURTHER REVISION OF THE
SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

-- JULY 1 - 3 - BBUSSELS
-- JULY 4 - 5 - MADRID
-- JULY 6 - 7 - BONN
-- JULY 8 - 9 - LONDON.
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